Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ricardo H. Hinojosa to be Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. O'Neill for reappointment as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

February 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

Later in the afternoon, the President attended an African American History Month reception on the State Floor.

February 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss regional issues.

During the day, the President met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss the situation in Haiti. The President announced his intention to nominate Theodore William Kassinger to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Christian Polt to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro.

The President announced his intention to nominate Neil McPhie to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rosalyn Queen Alonso, Stephen J. Moses, and Paul S. Polo, Sr., as members of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

February 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Louisville, KY, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Marina Partee.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint William Hogarth as a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

February 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, the President had lunch with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, following their meeting in the Oval Office.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann R. Klee to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Peter A. Lawler, and Diana J. Schaub as members of the President's Council on Bioethics.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 23

Paul V. Applegarth,

of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation (new position).

John Campbell,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,

of Texas, to be Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, vice Diana E. Murphy, resigned.

Michael O'Neill,

of Maryland, to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2009 (reappointment).

Withdrawn February 23

Jaymie Alan Durnan,

of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Mario P. Fiori, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003.

Submitted February 26

John J. Danilovich,

of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Theodore William Kassinger,

of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, vice Samuel W. Bodman, resigned.

Edward R. McPherson,

of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education, vice Eugene Hickok.

Neil McPhie,

of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, vice Susanne T. Marshall.

Michael Christian Polt,

of Tennessee, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Serbia and Montenegro.

Mark B. McClellan,

of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, vice Thomas Scully, resigned.

Withdrawn February 26

John Joseph Grossenbacher,

of Illinois, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2004, vice Richard A. Meserve, resigned, and for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2008 (reappointment), which were sent to the Senate on July 25, 2003.

Susanne T. Marshall,

of California, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, vice Beth Susan Slavet, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2004.

Checklistof White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 21

Statement by the Press Secretary on the death of Spot